

See below and attached:

- The City of Charlotte recognizes the benefits of and welcomes investments in small cell infrastructure.
- To date, over 200 small cell nodes have been installed across the City, with only four being controversial.
- Charlotte's local regulations define a process for neighborhood engagement in areas where no existing poles exist on which to attach small cell infrastructure.
- Neighborhood engagement is not required in areas that have existing poles or where new poles are proposed along thoroughfares or in industrial areas.
- The City has issued, and will continue to issue permits for small cell installations in neighborhoods that may oppose new poles, recognizing the rights that utility companies have to utilize public rights-of-way as defined in applicable federal and state laws.
- Along with the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the City recently hosted a wireless technology forum, providing opportunities for local municipal officials and utility company staff to share their perspectives on challenges of the increasingly rapid deployment of wireless technology equipment. The presentation that was given by the City to that group is attached.
- Charlotte would support the FCC clarifying the role of federal regulations generally, and local government's authority to regulate infrastructure location and design, ensuring cities' rights to minimize the visual impacts on neighborhoods from small cell technology deployment.